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## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION 7017 11 13 AM 10: 31

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## RESPONSE OF DONALD J. TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT, INC. AND BRADLEY T. CRATE, AS TREASURER, TO THE COMPLAINT

Respondents Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. and Treasurer Bradley T. Crate (collectively, "the Committee"), by and through undersigned counsel, submit this response to the Complaint in MUR 7254. The Complaint asserts no allegation that even comes close to providing reason to believe that the Committee violated federal campaign finance law. The Commission, therefore, should dismiss this matter and close the file immediately.

The Committee received a \$5 online credit or debit card contribution from the complainant, Ms. Jones, on June 16, 2016. Ms. Jones's contributor information – which accompanied the contribution – was never publicly disclosed by the Committee. Given its *de minimis* amount, the contribution was not itemized on the Committee's FEC reports.

Ms. Jones asserts that she did not actually make the \$5 contribution and that no money was ever withdrawn from her accounts. Nonetheless, she asks for a refund. If Ms. Jones did not make the contribution, she has no right to a contribution refund. And if she did in fact make the contribution and simply does not recall doing so, then she has no right to a refund of her contribution as a matter of course, as is expressly noted in the privacy policy on the Committee's website. See Privacy Policy 2.B, <a href="https://www.donaldjtrump.com/privacy-policy/">https://www.donaldjtrump.com/privacy-policy/</a> ("Generally, contributions are non-refundable.").

The Complaint points to no provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, or FEC regulations allegedly violated by the Committee, for good reason – there is none. The Commission thus must dismiss this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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